Implementation of SGRY in Punjab

2405. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana is functioning in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details of districts covered under the SGRY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the districts in the State of Punjab are covered under the SGRY.

IWDP projects

2406. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Waste Lands Development Project has been successful in decreasing the waste land in the country;

(b) if so, the number of projects under IWDP sanctioned for the last three years and the number of projects to be sanctioned during the Tenth Plan period to reduce the waste land in the country; and

(c) by when Government is going to develop all the waste land in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 460 projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) for treatment of an area of 24.597 lakh hectares have been sanctioned to 28 States in the country from 2002-03 to 2004-05. During the current financial year *i.e.* 2005-06, 340 IWDP projects have been sanctioned for treatment of an area of 16.318 lakh hectares so far. Approximately 20 lakh hectares are likely to be taken up for treatment during the remaining period of the Tenth Plan. Sanction of new projects in a particular year depends upon availability of funds after meeting out the committed liability of on-going projects and the absorption capacity of the States.

(c) According to the Wasteland Atlas of India, 2005, the area of treatable non-forest wastelands in the country is approximately 304.97 lakh hectares. At the current rate of funding, it may take another 25 years to cover the treatable non-forest waste lands in the country.

Allocation for rural cleanlines programme in Rajasthan

† 2407. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds stipulated for rural cleanliness programme in Rajasthan for the year, 2005-06;

(b) the number of districts of Rajasthan covered under this programme; and

(c) the district-wise in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Government of India has launched Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) for promoting rural cleanliness. There is no State-wise annual allocations under the programme. The funds are released to district implementing agencies on utilization of previous instalment of funds.

(b) and (c) In Rajasthan, Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects have been sanctioned for all the 32 districts. District-wise sanction and release details of Central share of funds are given in the Statement.

Statement

District-wise details of TSC projects sanctioned in Rajasthan

(Rs. in lakhs)

	RAJASTHAN	Sanctioned amount (Central Share)	Amount released (Central share)
1	Ajmer	776.25	77.62
2	Alwar	1334.16	400.25
3	Banswara	1572.38	471.71
4	Baran	513.58	154.07

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.